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RETURN TO SENDER

Dear Cracked,

A, E, I, O, U and sometimes Y.

Those letters which like to stay out late and party
The Alphabet

Dear Cracked,

If you'll be my friend I'll let you lean on me.

Casper the Friendly Post
Haunted House

Dear Cracked,

I plan on losing weight, wearing a rug, shaving more often and, all in all, acting more like a human being. Just as soon as I finish sticking these french fries in my nose.

Homer Improvement
The Simpson Household

Dear Cracked,

Here are a few more products we've recently approved:

-The Black Highlighter
-The Glow-In-The-Dark Sundial
-Monoxodil for Nose-Hair

The U.S. Patent Office
Washington Dee See

Dear Cracked,

If those apes are so smart, how come they haven't figured out how to wipe their butts?

Sylvester P. Smythe
The Congo

Dear Cracked,

?

The Riddler
Gotham

Dear Cracked,

!

Batman
Gotham

He's back! We're talking about the Caped Crusader, who has returned to the big screen accompanied by the Boy Wonder. This movie is so full of psychological stuff you have to be a shrink to understand it. It's enough to drive you...

Spruce, **watch out** for the rabbit holes!

You weren't invited to the tea party.

Who are you?

I'm the **Mad Hatter.**

Holy Alice in Wonderland! I fell into the **wrong** hole. You're not the villain until **Battyman 4.**

Spruce, are you alright?

Yeah, Dad, if you call falling in a pile of bat dung OK. **HALLLLPP! There's a big bat!**

What the hell did you expect in a bat cave, **a canary?**

Master Spruce, wake up. You're having another **BAT dream.**

I'm Spruce Swayne, millionaire, philanthropist and man-about-town.

I'm his dark side, **Battyman.** I wear a rubber bodysuit that gives me muscles like Schwarzenegger and the girls are crazy about me. There is only one problem: did you ever try to make out wearing a rubber bodysuit?

I'm Dork Graypoupon, a former circus performer. I live with Spruce and we're just friends, that's all.

I'm the Battyman's sidekick, the Boy Wonder. I don't know why he's complaining about his costume. Look at these threads, yeechh!

Hi, I'm Chaste Merdein. As you probably guessed from my demure appearance, I'm a shrink. My specialty is dual personalities like the nut cases on this page.

SWAYNE TECH ELECTRONICS

Hullo there, Mr Swayne. I'm Lysol and you're my hero. I think you're **sexier than Brad Pitt** and **John Kennedy** combined.

I'm always glad to meet my employees but could you stop licking my face?

I want to show you my invention. It's a combination Easter bonnet and brain wave radio. I have devised a system to **broadcast** brain waves. We'll be partners, friends, pals, buddies. We'll be **rich!**

I'm already rich. Sorry, I have to go. I'm being paged.

You signalled, Commissioner?

Yes, Battyman. Even as we speak Dos-Face is robbing the Gothammy City bank. Before you go, I'd like you to meet Ms. Chaste Merdein. She's a psychiatrist specializing in **multiple personalities.**

Hi. Wow, I'd love to get you on my couch!

Why, do you think I'm **schizoid?**

No, I have the hots for guys who wear masks and rubber body suits.

BATTY, MAN, FOREVER

(OR AT LEAST UNTIL THE NEXT SEQUEL COMES ALONG.)

WRITER: LOU SILVERSTONE
ARTIST: WALLY BROGAN

I'm Lysol Hellendorf: electronic wizard, computer nerd and Spruce Swayne's number one admirer.

I'm villain number one, the **Riddler.** I was going to call myself the **Conundrum,** but it sounded too much like those things they hand out in school.

I'm Jerry and you better give to Jerry's Kids or I'll sing "Rockabye my Babbbeee..."

I'm Villain number 2 and 3. My name is Dos-Face. I may be schizo but my name is politically correct.

I used to be Harley Dense, a hotshot district attorney. I was a male version of Marcia Clark until my face was spritzed with acid. And it's all Battyman's fault.

I just got out of a mental hospital for the criminally insane. No, I didn't escape. I didn't have to. Thanks to the Contract With America, the funds were cut.

Tell me about yourself. When did this Battyman thing begin?

When I was a little boy I fell into a bat cave. I was frightened and I became **Battyman to fight fear, not crime.**

Do you ever take off your mask?

Sure, when I shave or go to the hairdresser. But I always sleep in it. It scares the **Boogeyman** away.

What an ingenious way to rob a bank. Using a wrecking ball to knock down the walls and then a chopper to take away the safe.

Uh, boss, aren't you afraid the cops will hear the noise?

Idiot, this is not only a bank heist. **It's a trap for Battyman!**

BANK

KKERSSH!

WALTER JAMES BROGAN

Harley, the **ball game** is over.

Battyman, I'm tired of you **balling** up the works.

THERE'S "TWO-FACE"!

I WONDER IF HE PICKS BOTH NOSES!

Battyman cut the safe loose. He saved the bank's money.

He saved the bank a few million, but it's gonna cost the city a fortune to repair the damage.

KERASSSSHH

Man, that sneaker could use odor eaters. Harley, give it up. You could get plastic surgery or maybe have acid thrown on the other side of your face. Then you'd have only one personality.

The chopper hit Lady Gothammy and her face is half scarred, symbolizing the dual personality of this city. Is this place a shrink's dream or what?

GACCCK!

NIKE

NIKE SNEAKERS

ZAP!!

POLICE

TAXI

BOOOM!!!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT SWAYNE TECH'S LABORATORY

Transferring all this information into my brain will make me the **world's foremost expert on everything.** I'll be able to win at JEOPARDY.

Riddle me this: why did the chicken cross the road? Because he has a **death wish! Haha.** Spruce Swayne, you are no longer the world's sexiest man. **The Riddler** has arrived, hahaha.

BZZZ

GACCCKKK!

HISTORY

COMIC BOOKS

Today's topic is 'Shrinks who have the hots for their patients.' My first guest is Dr. Chaste Merdein.

I dig The Battyman because he has a **great set of buns.**

And they're **all mine,** that's not rubber padding.

Sir, I hate to interrupt, but you have a note from somebody called The Riddler. "When I first appear it will be mysterious and when we meet, you'll be delirious."

BAT CORN

Doctor, I'm Spruce Swayne. First, I'd like to invite you to our charity circus and second, maybe you can help me. I've received several messages from a person called The Riddler. Listen to this—'Roses are red, violets are blue, **Battyman's are pink**, I saw them on the line.'

Pink, hmm, **how sexy**. Uh, Mr. Swayne, the sender is obviously suffering a deep-seated duality. He worships you and yet he wants to kill you. And yes, I'd like to go to the circus.

GOTHAMMY CITY CHARITY CIRCUS

Presenting the **Flying Graypoupons, the World's Greatest Acrobats.** The entire family will be shot out of a cannon and caught by young Dork Graypoupon, who will hang upside down and blindfolded. Naturally, they work **without a net.**

VIP SEATS

Holy Atomic Bomb! Somebody put **extra explosives** in the cannon. I **missed all three of them!**

SPLAT! WOOSH! KABOOM!!!

Well, you win some, you lose some. I wish to announce that a bomb has been planted at the top of the building and I will set it off unless **Battyman exposes himself.**

Yeah! Way to go! Take it all off!

Uh, Chaste, I think he wants Battyman to reveal his **IDENTITY.**

VIP SEATS

YOUNG DORK CLIMBS TO THE TOP OF THE BUILDING AND DISPOSES OF THE BOMB

That was the bravest thing I ever saw.

Yeah, but my life is ruined. Who ever heard of a **solo** trapeze act?

Well, son, it's **Boy's Town** for you.

Hold it, I'll adopt the lad.

DOS-FACES' SECRET HIDEOUT

Who the hell are you and how did you find me?

Is that a riddle? I give up, haha. Allow me to introduce myself. I am the Riddler and I simply love what you've done with this place. It's half Marquis de Sade and half K-Mart. Riddle me this: how do you stop a bat from smelling? You cut off his nose, haha. With **my brains** and **your muscle we can bring down Battyman.**

Allow me to demonstrate the greatest invention of all time. It mesmerizes people with holographic images. It defies all surveillance systems. It sucks IQ points and it only costs $19.95, plus shipping and handling. And, in addition, we will include a set of OJ carving knives. Now I will tap into the brains of these two charmers. Hmm, I don't seem to be picking up anything. **Hello, is anyone home?**

What did you expect? I didn't choose these gals **for their brains.**

THE TWO EVILDOERS (OR IS IT THREE?) HAVE JOINED FORCES. BATTYMAN, BEWARE!!

More bad news, sir. Master Dork has **taken the Battymobile.**

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NEWS

MILLION DOLLAR JEWEL HEIST

WHERE'S THE BATTYMAN?

CRIME SPREE ROCKS GOTHAMMY CITY

50¢

Man, what a cool set of wheels. I wonder if this is the button for the CD player?

RROOAR

Oops, wrong button.

FLIP!

RROOOO

Hey, man, I'm sorry about the car. Look, I **know you're the Battyman** and I want to join you. I gotta get Dos-Face for killing my parents.

Dork, you don't want to become a Masked Avenger. You live in the shadows. You wear a far-out costume with all kinds of neat gadgets. You tool around in a fantastic car and you have to fight off the girls. Is that the kind of life you want?

YEAAAH!

Sir, if you don't mind my saying so, you didn't exactly explain that correctly.

I'm plugged into **every TV set** in the city. I'll absorb **everybody's brain waves.** Hmm, something's wrong. By tapping into TV viewers' brains, **my IQ is going down!** Riddle me this: why does Battyman cross the road? Because he's into cross dressing, hahaha. Now to my first Hellendorf Charity Ball. Eat your heart out, Spruce Swayne.

YABBA DABBA DOO

TODAY'S SUBJECT IS WOMEN WHO DISMEMBER THEIR HUSBANDS

JERALDO SHOW.

Lysol, **you're a genius.** These holograms are fantastic.

This is a stickup.

And these gangsters seem **almost real.**

We are real, now give us your jewels and your money or **I'll blow your head off.**

CHARITY BALL

Where's the getaway car?

We're taking the subway. People should use public transportation whenever possible. It helps cut down on pollution.

Harley, sometimes you forget you're not the D.A. anymore.

BATTYMAN FOLLOWS DOS-FACE

Look, it's the Battyman!

I guess they're finally going to do something about the graffiti in the subway. Somebody's been painting question marks all over the place.

BATTYMAN CHASES DOS-FACE INTO AN ABANDONED TUNNEL
IT'S A TRAP! BATTYMAN IS PINNED BY FALLING DEBRIS

How will I kill you?

I'll flip a coin. **Heads, I shoot you—**

I call tails, which means I'm gonna **kick your two-faced butt!**

KRASSHH!

You can't be the partner of the Dark Knight wearing **that costume.**

I think it's a great contrast. Besides it's the color of my favorite bird, the Robin Red Breast. I know, I'll be known as Red Breast.

Not in this magazine you won't.

POW!

BAM!

ZAP!

DOS-FACE MANAGES TO ESCAPE

I flipped a coin and **you lost.** I'm going to **kill you.**

But Dos, old buddy, I have **solved the riddle.**

You know who **Battyman** is?

No, but I figured out why the chicken crosses the road. Hah, only joshing. Riddle me this: why does the Robin cross the road? To get to Swayne Manor. Because **Spruce Swayne is Battyman** and vice versa.

SWAYNE MANOR

Spruce, I'm a criminologist and I'm attracted to **weirdos.** So naturally I fell for Battyman.

I'm weird too when you get to know me.

Oh, if only you, Michael Keaton and Battyman were the same person.

Would you settle for two out of three?

I hate to interrupt when you are about to reveal your innermost secrets but that Riddler chap and Dos-Face **have broken into Swayne Manor.**

THE NEXT MORNING

What happened?

Dos-Face and his thugs **kidnapped Dr. Merdein.** You put up a valiant fight but you were outnumbered. They found the Batty cave and **smashed all the Battyman equipment.**

Batty cave? Batty-man? What are you talking about?

Sir, you've apparently **forgotten who you are.** You are **Battyman.** I'll help you regain your memory. I'm not a shrink but I worked in the Royal Palace so I've had a lot of experience dealing with head cases.

I have devised a new, improved Battyman Suit with state-of-the-art-modifications, a self-adjusting utility belt and an automatic trap door. Even super heroes have to go occasionally. And how do you like your new costume, Master Robin?

Man, this is cool. I finally have some muscles.

Robin, let's go to the Riddler's hideout and **rescue Chaste.**

ZIP! ZONK!

THE DYNAMIC DUO INVADE RIDDLER'S HIDEOUT AND ROBIN IS CAPTURED

Let Robin and Chaste go, this is between **us.**

You talkin' to me? Are you talkin' to me? Okay, Sprucy-Batty, behind curtain No. 1 we have **the love of your life** and behind curtain No. 2 we have the **Boy Wonderful**... Mr. Wonderful... it's youuu... You can only save one, the other will fall to a watery death on the rocks below.

I have to stall him while I **throw my Laser Batarang and knock out the power.**

Wait, I have a riddle. I wasn't on Noah's Ark but I can see in the dark. What's my name?

Rumplestiltskin!

Battyman, whose cowl is equipped with night vision, lassos Chaste and Robin with his Battyrang lasso. Dos-Face, while flipping his coin, loses his balance and falls to the rocks below. The Riddler's brain short circuits and he goes "bats."

YAAAIEE BYZZ GACCK

LYSOL "RIDDLER" HELLENDORF IS COMMITTED TO THE GOTHAMMY COOKOO NEST

I know who Battyman is, it's **me.** Throw me some bugs, I'll prove I'm a bat.

It must be hard for him to eat in that position.

Yeah, and even harder to go to the bathroom.

NUT HOUSE

NUT HOUSE

Dork, I've had it with all these dual personalities. But there's **one person we can depend on to always be himself, good old Alfnerd.**

MEEEOWWWWW

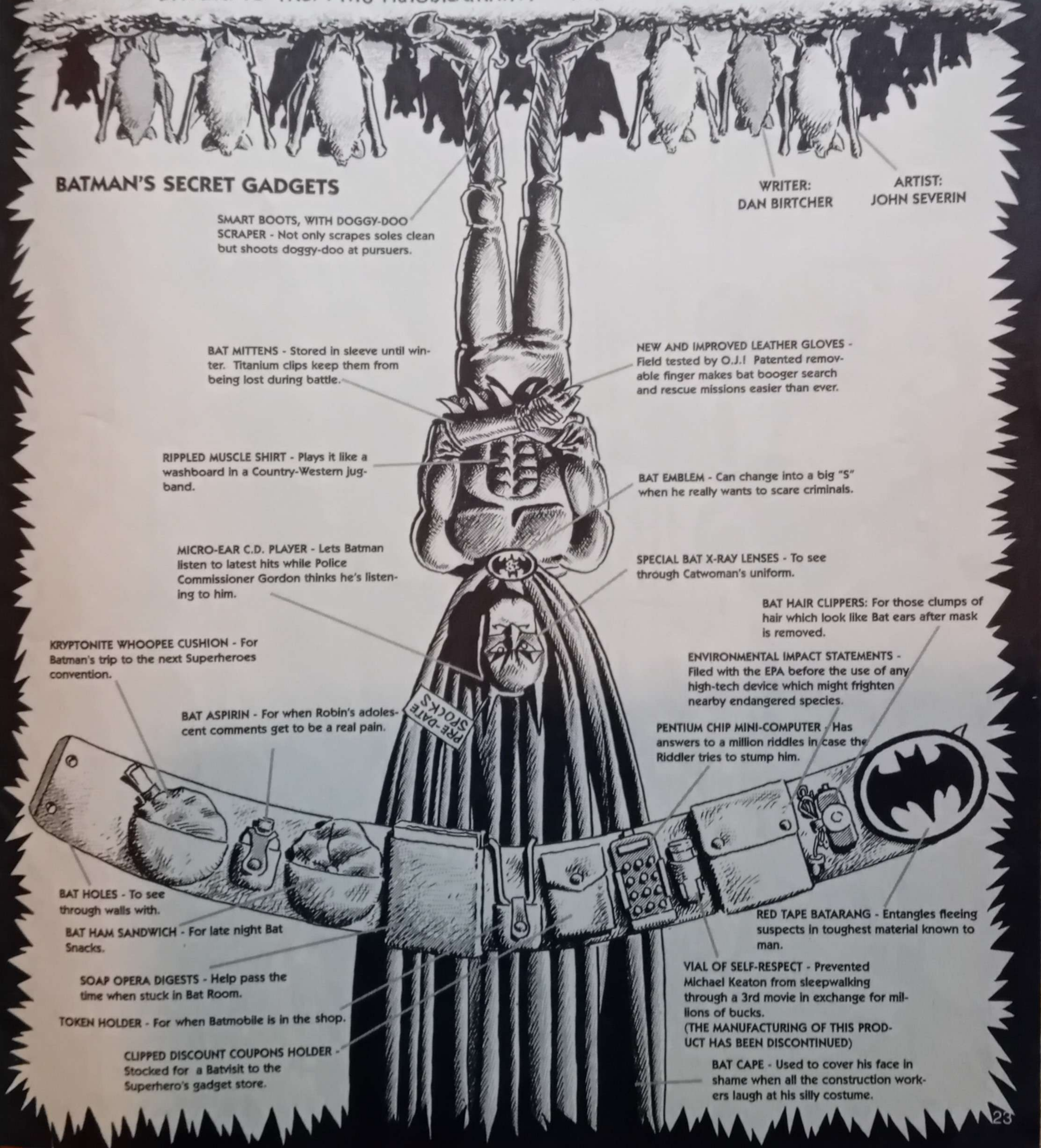
Meeeowww, I'm the Catwoman, purrrr.

Oh no, Alfnerd, **you too?**

Yes, **me two, meowwwwww.**

SECRETS OF BATMAN REVEALED

EXCERPTS FROM HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY..."THE KNIGHT OF THE GUANO"



BATMAN'S SECRET GADGETS

WRITER:
DAN BIRTCHER

ARTIST:
JOHN SEVERIN

SMART BOOTS, WITH DOGGY-DOO SCRAPER - Not only scrapes soles clean but shoots doggy-doo at pursuers.

BAT MITTENS - Stored in sleeve until winter. Titanium clips keep them from being lost during battle.

NEW AND IMPROVED LEATHER GLOVES - Field tested by O.J.! Patented removable finger makes bat booger search and rescue missions easier than ever.

RIPPLED MUSCLE SHIRT - Plays it like a washboard in a Country-Western jug-band.

BAT EMBLEM - Can change into a big "S" when he really wants to scare criminals.

MICRO-EAR C.D. PLAYER - Lets Batman listen to latest hits while Police Commissioner Gordon thinks he's listening to him.

SPECIAL BAT X-RAY LENSES - To see through Catwoman's uniform.

BAT HAIR CLIPPERS: For those clumps of hair which look like Bat ears after mask is removed.

KRYPTONITE WHOOPEE CUSHION - For Batman's trip to the next Superheroes convention.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS - Filed with the EPA before the use of any high-tech device which might frighten nearby endangered species.

BAT ASPIRIN - For when Robin's adolescent comments get to be a real pain.

PENTIUM CHIP MINI-COMPUTER - Has answers to a million riddles in case the Riddler tries to stump him.

PRE-DATE SPOCKS

BAT HOLES - To see through walls with.

RED TAPE BATARANG - Entangles fleeing suspects in toughest material known to man.

BAT HAM SANDWICH - For late night Bat Snacks.

VIAL OF SELF-RESPECT - Prevented Michael Keaton from sleepwalking through a 3rd movie in exchange for millions of bucks.
(THE MANUFACTURING OF THIS PRODUCT HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED)

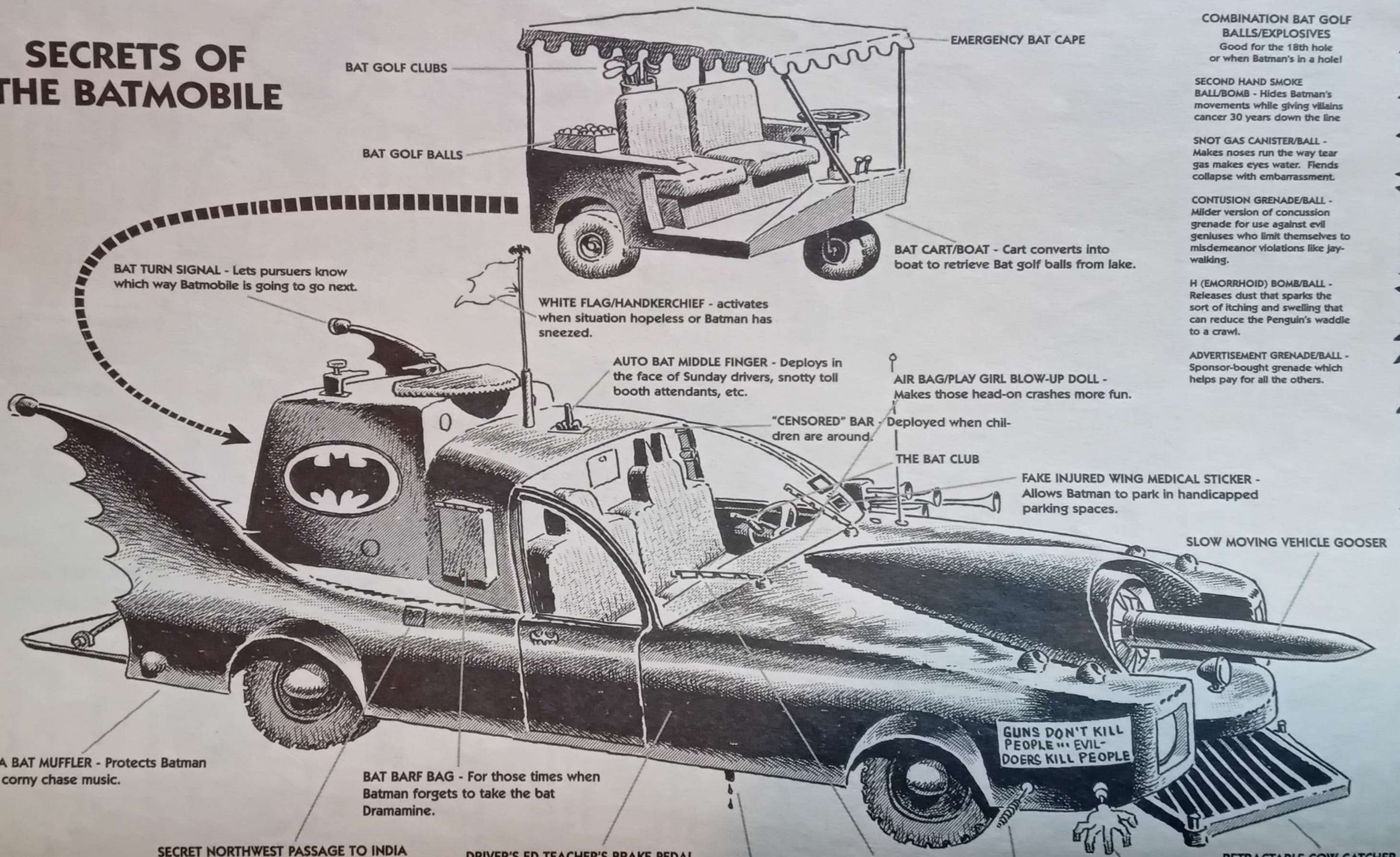
SOAP OPERA DIGESTS - Help pass the time when stuck in Bat Room.

TOKEN HOLDER - For when Batmobile is in the shop.

BAT CAPE - Used to cover his face in shame when all the construction workers laugh at his silly costume.

CLIPPED DISCOUNT COUPONS HOLDER - Stocked for a Batvisit to the Superhero's gadget store.

SECRETS OF THE BATMOBILE


BAT GOLF CLUBS
BAT GOLF BALLS
EMERGENCY BAT CAPE
BAT CART/BOAT - Cart converts into boat to retrieve Bat golf balls from lake.
BAT TURN SIGNAL - Lets pursuers know which way Batmobile is going to go next.
WHITE FLAG/HANDKERCHIEF - activates when situation hopeless or Batman has sneezed.
AUTO BAT MIDDLE FINGER - Deploys in the face of Sunday drivers, snotty toll booth attendants, etc.
AIR BAG/PLAY GIRL BLOW-UP DOLL - Makes those head-on crashes more fun.
"CENSORED" BAR - Deployed when children are around.
THE BAT CLUB
FAKE INJURED WING MEDICAL STICKER - Allows Batman to park in handicapped parking spaces.
SLOW MOVING VEHICLE GOOSER
GUNS DON'T KILL PEOPLE ... EVIL-DOERS KILL PEOPLE
ULTRA BAT MUFFLER - Protects Batman from corny chase music.
BAT BARF BAG - For those times when Batman forgets to take the bat Dramamine.
SECRET NORTHWEST PASSAGE TO INDIA
DRIVER'S ED TEACHER'S BRAKE PEDAL
POLITICALLY CORRECT SKID-INDUCER BUTTON - Releases cholesterol-free oil slicks.
ANTI-BUM WINDSHIELD WIPERS
BAT CURB FEELER
BAT CURB GROPER
RETRACTABLE COW CATCHER

COMBINATION BAT GOLF BALLS/EXPLOSIVES
Good for the 18th hole or when Batman's in a hole!

SECOND HAND SMOKE BALL/BOMB - Hides Batman's movements while giving villains cancer 30 years down the line

SNOT GAS CANISTER/BALL - Makes noses run the way tear gas makes eyes water. Fiends collapse with embarrassment.

CONTUSION GRENADE/BALL - Milder version of concussion grenade for use against evil geniuses who limit themselves to misdemeanor violations like jay-walking.

H (EMORRHOID) BOMB/BALL - Releases dust that sparks the sort of itching and swelling that can reduce the Penguin's waddle to a crawl.

ADVERTISEMENT GRENADE/BALL - Sponsor-bought grenade which helps pay for all the others.

TROPHY ROOM - Includes Kiwanis "Masked Man Of The Year" awards, 1984-87; Rotary's "Young Superhero Most Likely To Succeed - 1947" statuette.

WAYNE MANOR - Complete with teeth picking room, servants who's sole job is to suck in all the flatulence, walk-in medicine cabinets.

BAT BLIMP - Lets Batman keep an eye on criminal referee calls at bowl games.

STUFFED BAT - The bat who made Batman what he is today - a weirdo in tights who hangs out in a cave.

ROBIN'S ROOM

BAT RECLINER - For those times Batman wants to just hang around in style.

SECRET BAT CLOSET - Full of denim tights, khaki capes and masks for use on super hero dress-down days.

CEILING FAN

BAT CLOCK - Has tiny bat that comes out and announces the hour with ultra-sonic squeals beyond the range of human hearing.

BATMAN MOVIE GROSS CHART

WALL DECORATIONS LEFT BY PREVIOUS TENANTS

BATCOPTER HANGAR - Copter grounded until Pentagon clears Batman of ugly "friendly-fire" incident.

BATTERING RAM - Allows Batman to make stylish entrances into criminal fortresses.

BAT WALKER - Will allow Batman to pursue criminals even in his old age.

BAT REMINDER - Photo from Batman's pre-Weight Watchers, Mammoth Cave days.

BATPLANE HANGAR - Plane grounded until FAA certifies wing icing problem is solved.

FLOOR FAN - Not used since ceiling fan installed.

TO THE ADAM WEST TRIBUTE ROOM

WELCOME BAT - Put out only for Batman's closest friends.

DUNGEON - Reserved for tax officials who persist in trying to assess the Batcave the same as regular real estate property.

BOMB SHELTER - Where Batman keeps all the stray bombs he finds until he can place them in a good home.

BAT AS"SALT" WEAPON - Used against super fiend... Slugman.

BATMOBILE GARAGE - Where Batman daringly removed catalytic converter in issue #332.

THE ORIGINAL ROBIN - Stuffed by Batman after he saw what Roy Rogers did with his horse, Trigger.

BAT CEDAR CLOSET - For summer storage of winter costumes and masks.

UNDERGROUND STREAM - Backs up and floods Batcave whenever Batman forgets to jiggle the Bat-handle.

UNDERGROUND STREAM BANK - Where Batman and Robin held pissing contest in Super Special Issue #400.